(b) what are the reasons for decline in producion;

(c) whether it is a fact that inadequate supply of coal is one of the major reasons for decline; and

(d) whether it is a fact that non-core industries have heavily suffered because of less than 50 per cent coal supplied to them; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) According to the Index of Industrial Production compiled by Central Statistical Organisation the rate of growth during April—May, 1991 was (-) 0.3 per cent as against 12.9 per cent in the corresponding period of last year.

(b) to (d) The decline in the rate of growth during April-May, 1991 was due to several factors. In some sectors, this was due to a shortage of raw materials particularly imported raw materials particularly imported exchange constraints. International price rises also contributed to significant increases in the domestic prices of some raw materials. In some other sectors, the fall in growth rate may be attributed to the plateauting of demand after extremely high growth rates in previous years. Changes in duty structure also contributed to such demand constraints. The imposition of some specific import restriction trictions due to balance of payments considerations contributed to a slow down in the growth in some actions. Other sectors were also affected by infrastructural constraints such as power and coal shortages in some areas.

According to Ministry of Coal, the total off-take of coal including washery middlings during April-May, 1991 has been 37.03 million tones against the off-take of 34.06 million tonnes in the corresponding period last year, thus registering a growth of 8.7 per cent during this period.

Industrial licences for small scale sector

1659. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the items for which industrial licence is compulsory even by small scale sector under the new Industrial policy;

(b) what are the items, for which, the creation of fresh capacity has been relaxed for small scale sector under the new industrial policy;

(c) whether relaxed items has been notified; and

(d) the items added or deleted in the list of items reserved for small scale sectors under the new industrial policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Small scale and ancillary industrial undertakings are required to obtain industrial licences from the Central Government in respect of 8 industries which are reserved for the public sector and 18 industries, excluding the items reserved for exclusive manufacture in small scale sector, as mentioned in Schedule I and Schedule II of the Notification No. 477(E) dated 25th July, 1991, notified in gazette extraordinary of the same date.

(b) and (c) Under the earlier exemption Notification No. 629(E) dated 30th June, 1988, industrial licence was compulsory even for small scale and ancillary industrial undertaking in respect of 26 industries mentioned in Schedule I to that Notification and in respect of 17 industries specified in Schedule II to the said Notification. Now small scale and ancillary undertakings are

exempt from licensing for all articles of manufacture which are not covered by Schedule I and II to the Notification No. 477(E) dated 25th July, 1991.

(d) There is no change in the list of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in small scale sector under the new industrial policy.

Increasing the Liabilities assessed against M/s. Hoechst after review by special team

1660. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 376 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the basis on which special team assessee the liability against M|s. Hoechst as Rs. 4.58 crores up to December, 1988 and what are the reasons for increase of liability to Rs. 24.91 crores of same drugs and formulations of the same period after review;

(b) whether it is a fact that this is a clear case of malafide;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to investigate the matter;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have received number of complaints of corruption from Members of Parliament against the members of Special Team and former Development Commissioner (PI); and

(e) if so, what is the total number of complaints and what steps have been taken on these complaints as required by law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) The tentative liability of M|s. Hoechst for the period upto 31.12.83 has gone up from Rs. 4.58 crores to Rs. 24.91 crores as a result of the review undertaken because of receipt of a number of complaints alleging acts of omission and commission on the part of the Special Team. These included inaccurate reckoning of the Company's bulk drug prices, in the computation of the liabilities grant of unauthorised and inadmissible set offs in the quantaties of production and sale, and the sale value of various drugs and formulations. The question of taking action against any one in this regard would arise only after the liabilities are finally determined.

Special leave petition against the stay of Delhi High Court

1661. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 368 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 1991, and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government did not file special leave petition in Supreme Court against the stay of Delhi High Court;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that extension of price fixed in 1989 from 1981 in the case of Betamethesone was a lapse and contrary to the High Court Judgement and also contrary to the Supreme Court Judgement in Cyanamid case;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this lapse has resulted a benefit of Rs. 34.78 crores in favour of the company; and

(e) if so, who was responsible for the lapse and what action has been taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) Consequent upon receipt of additional data from the company and as a result of the review of the computations made last year, the tentative liability of the company was revised from Rs. 37 crores to Rs. 71.78 crores and communicated to it. The Company's Writ